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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2366

Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Sections 31551, 31680.2, 31680.3, 31680.4, and 31680.6 of, *and to add Section 31680.65 to*, the Government Code, relating to county employees' retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2366, as amended, Sharon Runner. County employees' retirement: limited employment of county retirees.

Existing law authorizes a county to employ, without reinstatement from retirement, a retired member in a position requiring special skills or knowledge. Under existing law, a retired member may not work more than 90 working days or 720 hours, in a fiscal year or any other designated 12-month period. Existing law authorizes a board of supervisors to extend that reemployment period to permit a retired member to work up to 120 working days or 960 hours, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year or any other designated 12-month period. Existing law requires a safety member, other than an elective officer, sheriff, or undersheriff, to retire at 60 years of age.

This bill would additionally authorize a retired member in Los Angeles County who is a safety member required to retire at 60 years of age, to work up to 12 months or 2080 hours, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year or other designated 12-month period. This bill would additionally authorize—a the board of supervisors to extend—by resolution that reemployment period for-consecutive 12-month periods

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an additional period not to exceed 12 months or 2080 hours, whichever is greater.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 31551 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:
- 3 31551. (a) A person expressly declared to be ineligible to 4 membership by this article shall not become a member of the 5 retirement association, and, except as expressly excluded, a 6 person enumerated in this article shall become a member of the 7 association.
 - (b) A person employed as a participant in a program of, and whose wages are paid in whole or in part by federal funds in accordance with, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-203), as amended, is excluded from membership. This exclusion shall not apply to active fire suppression personnel who are safety members pursuant to Sections 31469.3 and 31470.4.
 - (c) A person who has retired and is employed pursuant to Section 31680.2, 31680.3, or 31680.6 is excluded from *active* membership.
- SEC. 2. Section 31680.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:
 - 31680.2. (a) A person who has retired may be employed in a position requiring special skills or knowledge, as determined by the county or district employing him or her, for not to exceed—12 months or 2080 90 working days or 720 hours, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year or other 12-month period designated by the board of supervisors and may be paid for that employment.
 - (b) Employment under this section shall not operate to reinstate the person as—a *an active* member of this system or to terminate or suspend his or her retirement allowance, and no deductions shall be made from his or her salary as contributions to this system.
- 31 SEC. 3. Section 31680.3 of the Government Code is amended 32 to read:

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31680.3. (a) Notwithstanding Section 31680.2, a member who has been covered under the provisions of Section 31751 and has retired may be reemployed in a position requiring special skills or knowledge, as determined by the county or district employing the member, for not to exceed-12 months or 2080 120 working days or 960 hours, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year and may be paid for that employment.

- (b) Employment under this section shall not operate to reinstate the person as—a *an active* member of this system or to terminate or suspend the person's retirement allowance, and no deductions shall be made from the person's salary as contributions to this system.
- SEC. 4. Section 31680.4 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 31680.4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member retired for service and reemployed in a county or district under this chapter shall become again an active member of the retirement association upon the following:
 - (1) His or her application to the board for reinstatement.
- (2) The determination of the board, based upon medical examination, that he or she is not incapacitated for the duties assigned to him or her.
- (3) He or she meets the conditions for membership in Article 4 (commencing with Section 31550).
- (b) For the purposes of this section, the effective date of the member's reinstatement to active membership shall be the first day of the month following the date of reemployment.
- (c) Except as permitted in Section 31680.2, 31680.3, or 31680.6, the retirement allowance of the member shall be canceled on the effective date of the member's reemployment and shall be resumed only upon the subsequent termination of the member from employment.
- (d) This section shall not be operative in a county until the board of supervisors, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, makes this section and Section 31680.5 operative in that county.
- 36 SEC. 5. Section 31680.6 of the Government Code is amended 37 to read:
 - 31680.6. Notwithstanding Section 31680.2—or 31680.3, a county subject to Section 31680.2—or 31680.3 may, upon adoption of a resolution by a majority vote by the board of

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supervisors, extend the period of time provided for in Section 31680.2 or 31680.3 its consecutive 12-month or 2080-hour periods. That resolution may provide for the number of consecutive periods a 31680.2 that a person who has retired may be employed in a position requiring special skills or knowledge, as determined by the county or district employing him or her, to not to exceed 120 working days or 960 hours, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year or other 12-month period designated by the board of supervisors and that person may be paid for that employment.

- (b) Employment under this section shall not operate to reinstate the person as—a *an active* member of this system or to terminate or suspend his or her retirement allowance, and no deductions shall be made from his or her salary as contributions to this system.
- SEC. 6. Section 31680.65 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 31680.65. (a) Notwithstanding Section 31680.2 or 31680.3, a person who has retired may be employed in a position requiring special skills or knowledge, as determined by the county or district employing him or her for a single period not to exceed 12 months or 2080 hours, whichever is greater, and that person may be paid for that employment.
- (b) The employment of a person pursuant to subdivision (a) may be extended for an additional period not to exceed 12 months or 2080 hours, whichever is greater, upon approval by the board of supervisors.
- (c) Employment under this section shall not operate to reinstate the person as an active member of this system or to terminate or suspend his or her retirement allowance, and no deductions shall be made from his or her salary as contributions to this system.
- (d) This section applies only to a member who is subject to mandatory retirement at 60 years of age pursuant to Section 31662.4.
- (e) This section shall not be operative in a county until the board of supervisors, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, makes this section applicable in the county.

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1 (f) This section shall apply only in a county of the first class, 2 as defined in Sections 28020 and 28022.